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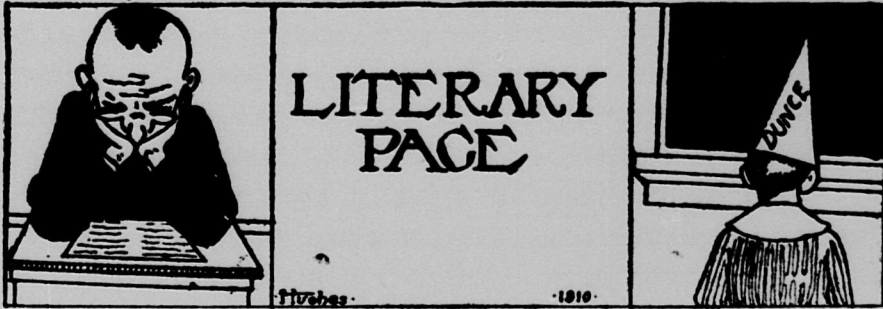
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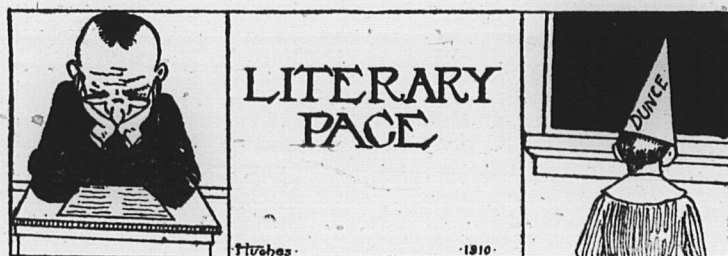
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I remember one night as my room-mate and myself were in the depths of study we heard a scuffling of feet in the hallway adjoining our room. Our door was locked, but to make sure I arose and tried the key and found it as I expected. I felt a sweet sense of security as I resumed my study, but gradually as the noise continued my confidence faded away and I sat watching the door prepared for I knew not what. My eyes happened to fall upon the key which still remained in the lock, and I saw it turn ever so slowly. At the same time I heard a slight metallic sound and it flashed over me in an instant they were picking the lock. With a yell that caused Fred to jump out of his chair, I cleared the floor at a bound and grasped the key with both hands, firmly. I could feel it tug and strain, but I had them at a disadvantage, for I could bring more power of leverage to bear. Finally after unsuccessful efforts, they abandoned this scheme, but remained, for I could hear them whispering. Suddenly the metallic sound recommenced. I stood holding the key, and was surprised to note that it no longer struggled to turn. They were evidently tampering with the lock itself, unscrewing it from the door and to strengthen my suspicions the door gave way slightly until quite a little crack appeared, which gradually widened. We were at our last extremity and in a few moments they would burst in upon us and commence their painful operations.

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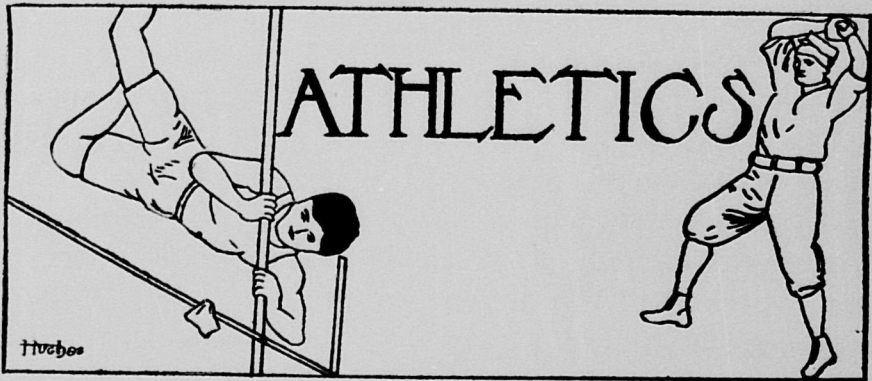
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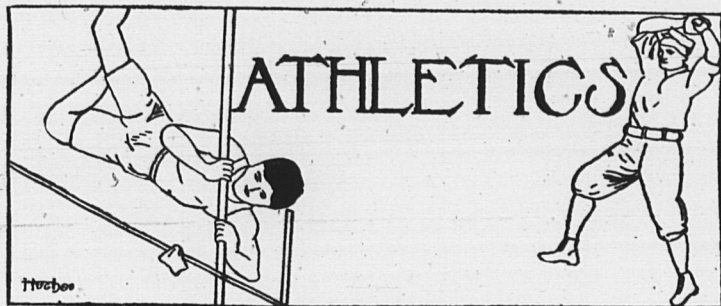
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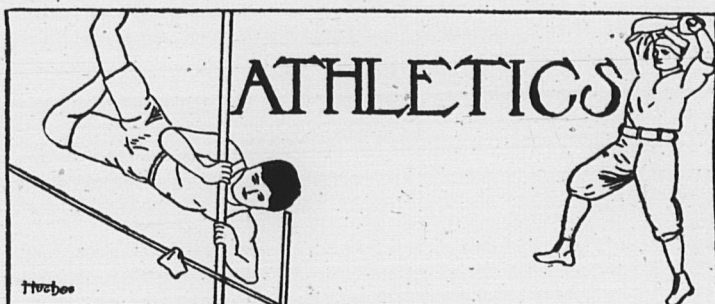
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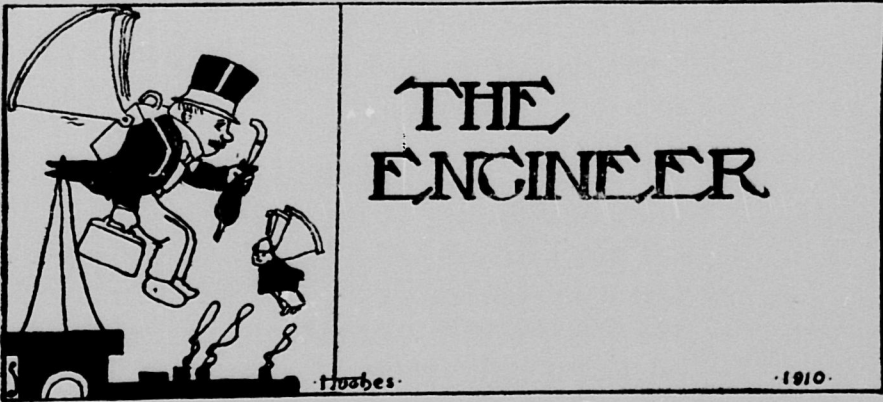
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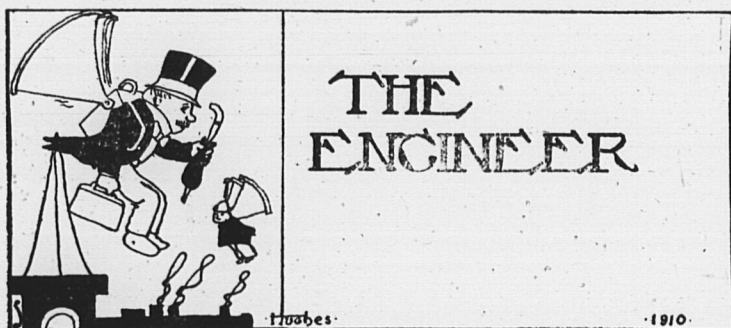
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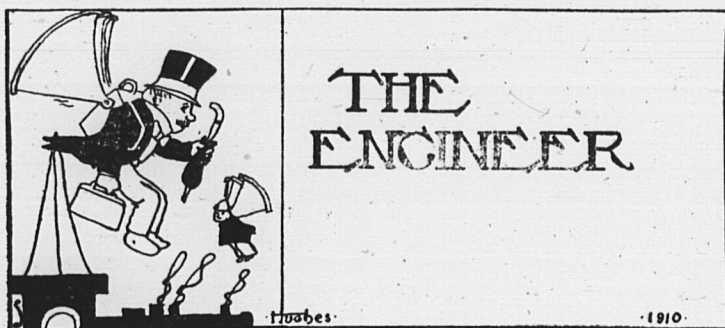
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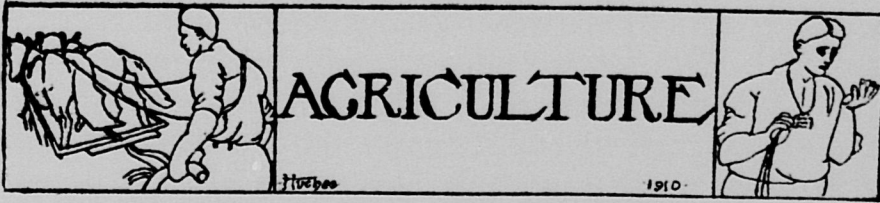
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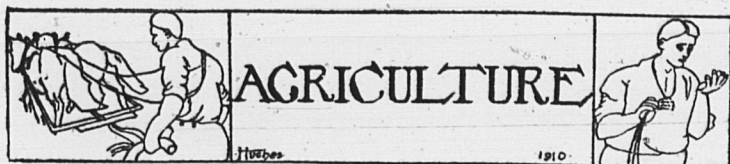
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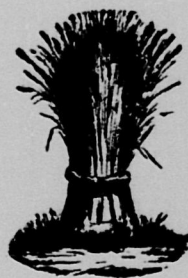
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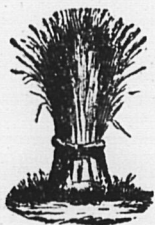
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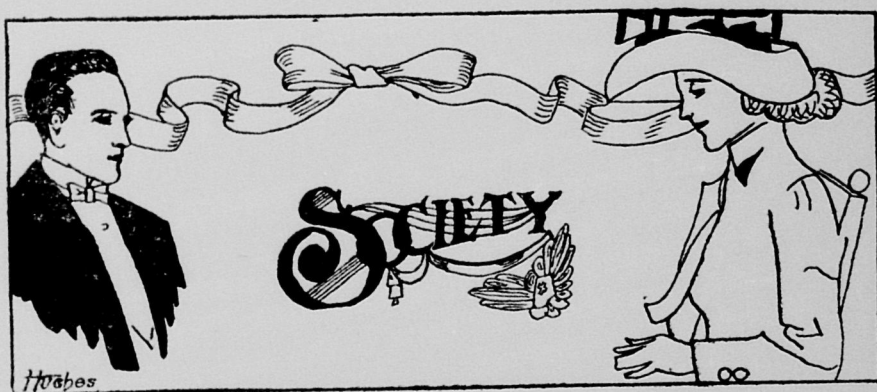
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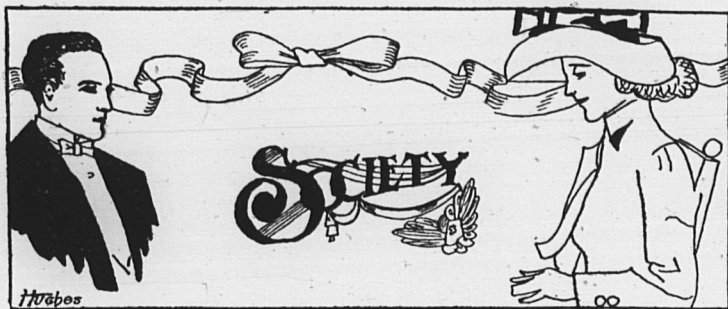
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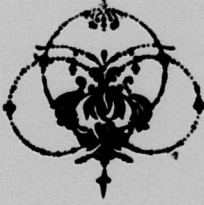
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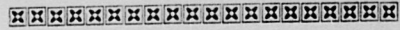
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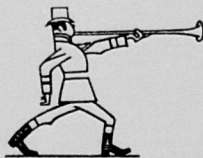
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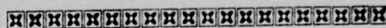
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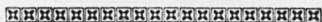
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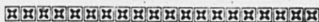
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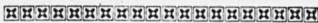
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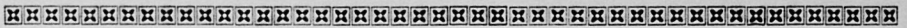
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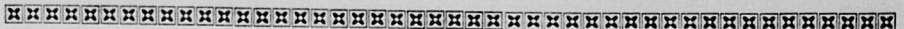
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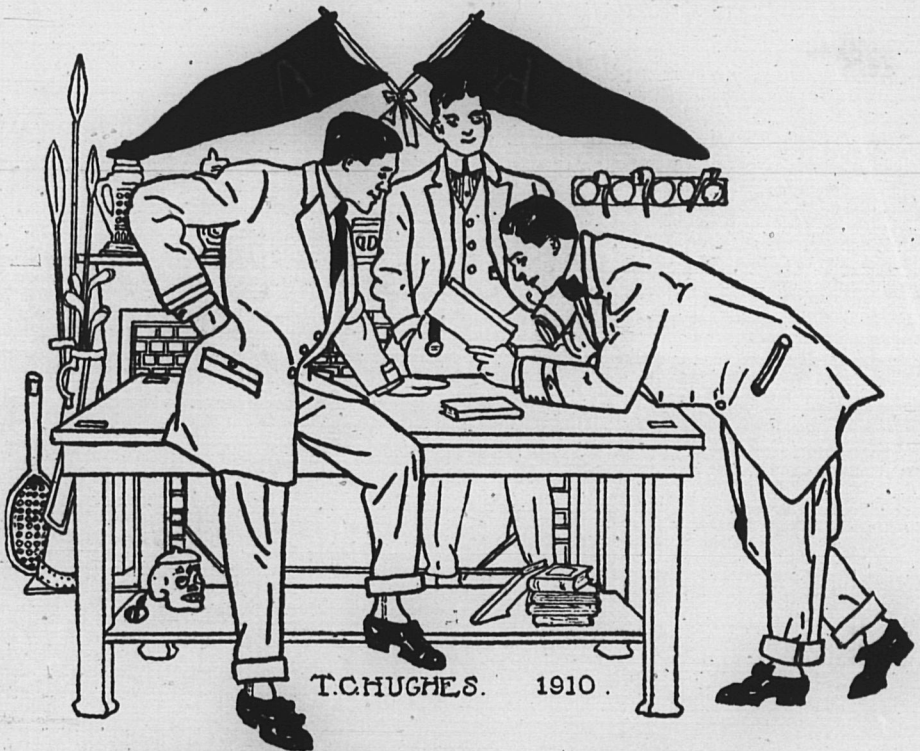


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